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SUBJECT: JAPANESE AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE KURODA

REF: TOKYO 9816

1. AMBASSADOR KURODA, WHO EVIDENTLY HAD NOT EXPECTED TO LEAVE BELGRADE AFTER ONLY TWO YEARS HERE, PLANS TO RETURN TO TOKYO FOR CONSULATATIONS IN MID-JULY BEFORE PROCEEDING TO CAIRO.
2. WE HAVE FOUND KURODA ONE OF THE MOST IMPRESSIVE OF THE AMBASSADORS HERE, AND ONE OF THE FRIENDLIER. HE HAS, FOR EXAMPLE, TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO ARRANGE A SERIES OF WORKING LUNCHEES FOR SENIOR OFFICERS OF OUR TWO EMBASSIES, AND HAS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH EMBASSY CAIRO.
3. SINCE RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA ARE HARDLY AT THE CENTER OF JAPAN'S CONCERNS, AMBASSADOR KURODA HAS CLEARLY NOT BEEN GREATLY CHALLENGED IN BELGRADE, CONCENTRATING LARGELY ON EXPANDING THE MODEST TRADE AND INVESTMENT LEVELS WHICH EXIST. EQUALLY CLEARLY, HE IS HIGHLY INTELLIGENT AND CAPABLE, AND IS PARTICULARLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON ECONOMIC MATTERS.

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4. HAVING SERVED AS MUCH AS HE HAS IN WASHINGTON, AMBASSADOR KURODA IS QUITE AT HOME IN ENGLISH AND HAS A GOOD AND SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITED STATES. HE IS, AS WELL, BLESSED WITH A WARM, PLEASANT PERSONALITY AND A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR.
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